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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

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SUBJECT: US/ASEAN CONSULTATIONS

REF: (A) JAKARTA 9746; (B) STATE 189223 (NOTAL)

1. IN LINE WITH REQUEST JAKARTA REF A EMBASSY IS STANDING BACK FROM ANY ACTIVE PURSUIT OF THE MATTER OF US/ASEAN CONSULTATIONS. JUDGING FROM LOW KEY ENCOUNTER WITH DFA WORKING LEVEL, HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT FILIPINOS ARE VERY AWARE OF JAKARTA'S PROBLEM. SITUATION AS REPORTED AT THIS LEVEL IS THAT THE SUBJECT OF US/ASEAN CONSULTATIONS IS PENDING BUT NO CONSENSUS AS YET HAS BEEN REACHED AMONG MEMBER COUNTRIES. SUCH CONSULTATIONS, ACCORDING THESE SOURCES, COULD BE AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA FOR AN ASEAN SUMMIT, OR MAY BE ON THE AGENDA OF OTHER SCHEDULED ASEAN MEETINGS SUCH AS THE LATE AUGUST MEETING OF SECRETARIES GENERAL IN MANILA. DFA WORKING LEVEL AT LEAST EXHIBITED FULL AWARENESS THAT JAKARTA'S CONCERN LIES WITH RESOLVING THE

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ISSUE OF INDONESIA'S ELIGIBILITY UNDER U.S. GSP. ONE

DFA SOURCE WAS VERY DOUBIOUS ABOUT INDONESIA'S CONSENT TO ANY SCHEDULE FOR US/ASEAN CONSULTATIONS BEFORE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ON GSP PROBLEM.

2. COMMENT. BASED ON FOREGOING AS WELL AS JAKARTA'S INDICATIONS OF LACK OF AGREEMENT AND/OR CONFUSION IN THE ASEAN HOUSE, IT APPEARS THAT OUR BEST BET IS TO STAND BACK AND WATCH FOR THE TIME BEING. WHEN AND IF AN ASEAN CONSENSUS IS REACHED, WE CAN EXPECT THAT ASEAN MEMBERS WILL RENEW THEIR APPROACHES TO US. IN LINE WITH REF B, THEREFORE WE CAN SAFELY, AND PROBABLY WISELY, RETREAT FROM THE ROLE OF APPARENT SUPPLICANT. SULLIVAN

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